

Merchant & Gould

An Intellectual Property Law Firm

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

APR 26 2005

3200 IDS Center
80 South Eighth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota
55402-2215 USA
TEL 612.332.5300
FAX 612.332.9081
www.merchant-gould.com

A Professional Corporation

Fax Transmission | April 26, 2005

TO:	Commissioner for Patents	FROM:	Katherine M. Kowalchyk
	Attn: <u>Examiner Joseph F. Murphy</u>		
	P.O. Box 1450		
	Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	OUR REF:	11669.196USC1
		TELEPHONE:	612.371.5311

Total pages, including cover letter: 2

PTO FAX NUMBER 1-703-872-9306

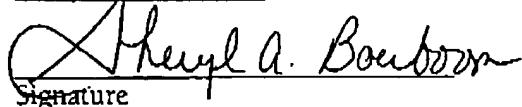
If you do NOT receive all of the pages, please telephone us at 612.371.5204, or fax us at 612.332.9081.

Title of Document Transmitted:	<u>STATUS INQUIRY</u>
Applicant:	<u>LEWIN ET AL.</u>
Serial No.:	<u>10/608,865</u>
Filed:	<u>JUNE 27, 2003</u>
Group Art Unit:	<u>1646</u>
Our Ref. No.:	<u>11669.196USC1</u>
Confirmation No.	<u>8197</u>

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

By: Katherine M. Kowalchyk
 Name: Katherine M. Kowalchyk
 Reg. No.: 36,848

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Sheryl A. Boerboom


Signature

April 26, 2005
 Date

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

S/N 10/608,865

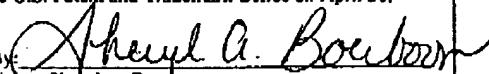
APR 26 2005

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	LEWIN ET AL.	Examiner:	J. MURPHY
Serial No.:	10/608,865	Group Art Unit:	1646
Filed:	JUNE 27, 2003	Docket No.:	11669.196USC1
Confirmation No.:	8197	Customer No.:	23552
Title:	GENES ASSOCIATED WITH OBESITY AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 26, 2005.

By: 
Name: Sheryl A. Boerboom

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

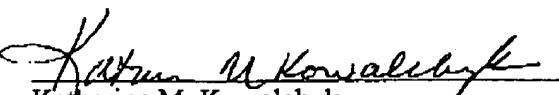
Dear Sir:

Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application and please indicate when a communication from the Patent and Trademark Office may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903
(612) 332-5300

Date: April 26, 2005


Katherine M. Kowalchyk
Reg. No. 36,848

23552

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE